

104TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 136

To amend title 1 of the United States Code to clarify the effect and application of legislation.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 4, 1995

Mr. THURMOND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF THE EFFECT AND APPLICA-**  
4       **TION OF LEGISLATION.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 1 of the United  
6       States Code is amended by adding at the end thereof the  
7       following:

8       **“§ 7. Rules for application and effect of legislation**

9       “Any Act of Congress enacted after the effective date  
10      of this section—

1 “(1) shall be prospective in application only;

2 “(2) shall not create a private claim or cause of  
3 action; and

4 “(3) shall not preempt the law of any State,  
5 unless a provision of the Act specifies otherwise by express  
6 reference to the paragraph of this section intended to be  
7 negated.”.

8 (b) CHAPTER ANALYSIS.—The chapter analysis for  
9 chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, is amended by  
10 adding at the end thereof the following:

“7. Rules for application and effect of legislation.”.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
12 this Act shall take effect 180 days after the date of enact-  
13 ment of this Act.

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